New President

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of starting 40 new churches in the 1980's, 15 of them by 1984. She proudly says that 17 are already organized, one third of them with ethnic groups.

Since it is obvious that Joan has lots of things to do, the question comes up about how she accomplishes everything.

"I try to keep a list of jobs to be done each day," she says. Organization is a lot of it. I try to be organized in the work that needs to

be done. I also put in long days, but try to take a day at a time so as not to be overwhelmed. If you work at it, it falls into place."

She adds with her ready laugh, "We joke about my lists. It does give me a sense of satisfaction, but I try not to let it rule me. You can't always follow the list: I've grown in that." She admits that it is a lot easier to be organized with the children grown. Her son and daughter are both married and living close by.

For relaxation, Joan enjoys

writing poetry, and a sample of one of her early works on her feelings about being a farm wife is included here. She began writing through an experience of being ill, after which she was asked to write a tribut to her husband's brother-in-law upon his death. She feels now that her sickness at that time was "a time of being called aside in quietness from my busy schedule."

Joan adds, "Writing poetry is a source of enjoyment for me. I pray before I write. I have always liked poetry and I would like to write a book. I would just write some thoughts and something creative."

She adds that the doesn't have a

special time for writing, and usually finds herself doing it for special occasions. "I just write some thoughts."

Other pleasures for Joan include reading and singing in the church choir. "I do crafts and I really like to try new recipes," she says. Her farm home is also graced with some antique pieces that she refinished.

Reflecting on her move to the farm as a bride, Joan says, "It took a lot of adjustment. The quietness and the darkness were hard." She credits her mother-inlaw with helping her make the adjustment and says with pride, "I needed to learn about farming, but I really enjoy seeing God's handiwork. It is a tremendous life and I have a deep appreciation for all involved in farming. It seems to have always been a part of my life.'

As she embarks on her career as county president, Joan is sure to feel that Farm Women is a very large part of her life, and a part that is very important not just to her but to the members throughout the County.





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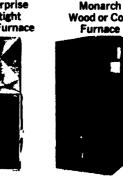








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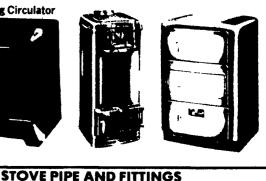
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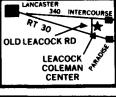


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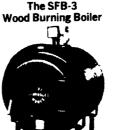
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